

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 14, 2000

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 4:30P.M.

CITY CLERK KATHLEEN MONTEJO, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Carignan, Jean, Samson, Adams, Acting City Administrator Phil Nadeau, City Clerk Kathleen Montejo and Finance Director Richard Metivier. Also present was Development Director Greg Mitchell. Mayor Tara and Councilors Bernier and Bilodeau arrived late. Councilor Gousse was absent from the meeting.

The City Council meeting was called to order by City Clerk Kathleen Montejo at 4:30pm in a public session.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Adams, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To nominate Councilor Carignan as temporary chairperson of the meeting.
Passed - Vote 3-0-1 (Councilor Carignan abstained.)

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Adams, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To enter into executive session to discuss a real estate issue which the premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive bargaining position of the City.
Passed - Vote 4-0

Executive session began at 4:35pm and ended at 5:30pm.

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Bernier, Carignan, Jean, Samson, Bilodeau, Adams, City Administrator Bogdan Vitas, Jr., Assistant City Administrator Phil Nadeau, Student Representative Karen Gagnon, and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo. Councilor Gousse was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Tara called the meeting back to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Moment of Silence.

RESOLUTION FOR RENAMAY MOREAU

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To adopt a Resolution for Renamay Moreau recognizing her estimated fifty years of service to the City an election worker and an election warden. Passed 6-0

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Karen Gagnon spoke about the arts education program.

CONSENT AGENDA

A resident of Mountain Avenue requested to be able to speak to agenda item 8.

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To remove agenda item 8 from the Consent Agenda and to address the item in the regular sequence of agenda items. Passed - 6-0

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Vitas to Lewiston. She stated the Selection Committee conducted an exhaustive search for a new City Administrator and the committee was very pleased with the qualifications and expertise that Mr. Vitas will bring to Lewiston.

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To appoint Bogdan "Bob" Vitas, Jr. as the City Administrator for the City of Lewiston according to the terms as defined in the employment agreement. Passed - Vote 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR CONDITIONAL REZONING OF
THE CONTINENTAL MILL COMPLEX**

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To approve first passage of the amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Code and Map to conditionally rezone the Continental Mill Complex property at 2 Cedar Street from the Riverfront (RF) District to the Mill (M) District, subject to a conditional agreement and

that the public hearing on said ordinance be continued to the meeting of December 12, 2000 for final passage. Passed 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR LAND USE CODE
AMENDMENTS FOR DEFINITION OF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS**

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Jean:

That the proposed amendment to Appendix A, Article II “Definitions”, Section 2, “Definitions”, Article XI, District Regulations and Article XII, Section 10 Performance Standards, of the City Zoning and Land Use Code, to amend the definition of single-family dwellings, receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance be continued to the meeting of December 12, 2000 for final passage. Passed 6-0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ZENG’S GARDENS

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To authorize the City Clerk’s Office to approve the liquor license application for Zeng’s Garden, Inc., 750 Sabattus Street. Passed 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR LIQUOR LICENSE AND SPECIAL AMUSEMENT
PERMIT FOR UNITED MEMBERS**

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To authorize the City Clerk’s Office to approve the liquor license application and special amusement permit for dancing and entertainment for United Members, Inc. 190 Bates Street. Passed 6-0

**LOCAL PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH MDOT FOR INTERSECTION
IMPROVEMENTS ON LISBON ST., EAST AVE. AND SABATTUS ST.**

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To authorize the Assistant City Administrator to enter into a Local Project Agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation for Intersection Improvements for Lisbon Street, East Avenue and Sabattus Street as a locally administered project. Passed 6-0

AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULE

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the following amendment to Section 21 of the Traffic Schedule:

Green Street - Even numbered side, northwest side, beginning at a point 33' from the northwesterly corner of Green Street, and East Avenue, and extending westerly on Green Street a distance of 20'. Passed 6-0

A resident of Ware Street addressed the Council regarding her concern with the proposed amendment to prohibit overnight parking on Ware Street. She noted that some houses do not have driveways and some driveways are very short, and if homeowners have overnight guests, there would not be a place for the cars to park if this amendment is passed. The Mayor stated she received a letter from a resident in the area that is also concerned with the proposed amendment to ban overnight parking.

VOTE (12)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To approve the following amendments to Section 9 of the Traffic Schedule:

Abbott Street - Even numbered side, west side, from Mountain Avenue to Ware Street
Benson Street - Even numbered side, west side, from Mountain Avenue to Ware Street
Mountain Avenue - Even numbered side, north side, from Main Street to College Street
Ware Street - Odd numbered side, south side, from Main Street to College Street
Passed - Vote - 5-1 (Councilor Carignan opposed.)

The proposed amendment to Section 47 of the Traffic Schedule regarding changes to Abbott Street, Benson Street, Mountain Avenue and Ware Street were postponed until additional citizen input can be gathered.

VOTE (13)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the following amendment to Section 9 of the Traffic Schedule:

Campus Avenue - Even numbered side, north side, beginning at a point 664' from the northwesterly corner of Campus Avenue and Lafayette Street and extending westerly on Campus Avenue a distance of 157'. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (14)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the following amendment to Section 9 of the Traffic Schedule:

Central Avenue - Even numbered side, west side, beginning at a point 216' from the southwesterly corner of Central Avenue and Russell Street and extending southerly on Central Avenue a distance of 80'. Passed - Vote - 6-0

VOTE (15)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the following amendment to Section 9 of the Traffic Schedule:

Spruce Street - Even numbered side, west side, from Lisbon Street to Park Street.

Passed - Vote 6-0

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mayor Tara stated she will be working on the issue of Urban Centers in the upcoming Legislative session and the issues Urban Centers face as the primary service center for their geographic area.

REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Councilor Samson stated the School Committee finalized their LCIP request to be presented to the City's LCIP committee. He noted this request includes additional paving at the High School and new windows for Montello school.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ed Plourde, a resident of Coburn Street, recommended to Administration that the City consider lighting some of the city monuments and architectural landmarks. He specifically recommended Saints Peter and Paul Church since this is a large and historical building, and can be seen from all points within the City and really defines the City's skyline. Mr. Plourde offered to work on seeking additional funding for the lighting.

VOTE (16)

Motion by Councilor Adams, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To use city electricity from the Street Light Account to illuminate the Saints Peters and Paul Church on Ash Street. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (17)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To approve the request of the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport to waive the requirement for a Lewiston resident to fill the upcoming vacancy on the airport's Board of

Directors and to allow Mr. Charles (Guy) Orne to remain on the airport's Board of Directors for the three-year term of January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003 with the subsequent three-year term (January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006) to be filled by a Lewiston resident and to return to the required rotation between Auburn and Lewiston residents are required in the Interlocal Agreement. Passed - Vote 6-0

The Mayor inquired about the City's animal control enforcement procedures, specifically relating to cats. She stated she has received comments from area veterinarians and the local animal shelter regarding health and safety concerns regarding homeless and stray cats within the City. The City has a full-time Animal Control Officer through the Police Department. This will be followed up by city staff.

The Mayor also inquired about attendance at the National League of Cities Conference in Boston in December. Councilor Bilodeau stated she was working to try to secure funding to send a youth representative to the Conference. Councilors discussed the idea and their concerns regarding liability and so forth.

VOTE (18)

Motion by Councilor Adams , seconded by Councilor Samson:

To table the discussion and to review the issue at a later date and to not send a youth representative to the National League of Cities Conference in Boston in December 2000. Passed - Vote 5-1 (Councilor Bilodeau opposed.)

VOTE (19)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, second by Councilor Jean:

To adjourn at 8:35P.M. Passed - Vote 6-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine